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PRESS Sports

VIA THE FOUR CENT ROUTE

It's a sacred day—this day known as Christmas. And rather than hurt my ego and the sensitive ones of my small following, I have decided to relegate the controversial letters sent to this reporter in the circular file.

Instead, let's really have peace on earth and for the time being pick up an epigram that "is nice" and at the same time informative. Such as the following

WHO IS CEDRIC TALLIS?

Dear Sir: A lot of eyebrows were raised when it was announced that Cedric Tallis was to be Fred Haney's assistant with the Los Angeles Angels. Many baseball fans wondered, "Who is this Cedric Tallis?"

Well, let me tell you that Haney is lucky as Tallis is one of the most astute general managers that the minor leagues have ever seen. Let's examine his record with the Vancouver Mountie baseball team—an area from which I came from and had immediate, first hand knowledge of Cedric.

In 1956 when Brick Laws moved the Pacific Coast League's franchise from Oakland to Vancouver, Canada, he transferred the team to a city that would not support WIL baseball. However, this financial predicament did not phase Laws—he bought in Tallis as general manager in hopes of restoring the team to a sound and workable status.

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Cedric saw that public support was low and interest was apathetic. He was determined not to let baseball die in Vancouver, a trading area of over a half million people.

Working hard with long hours, he convinced prominent businessmen that public ownership was the only way to keep PCL ball in the Canadian city. In conjunction with these businessmen Tallis raised \$120,000 by selling shares in the ball club and the franchise was purchased from Brick Laws.

Tallis' prestige dropped somewhat later when he did not renew Lefty O'Donnell's managerial contract. Cedric bought in an unknown by the name of Charlie Metro. The public soon forgave him as the Mounties finished in second place, drew over 200,000 fans for a PCL record and attendance was the second highest ever in the minors.

Knowing this record, the owners of the Angels hired him as Haney's assistant. The best one-two combination in the majors.

Max Miller, Torrance

Tallis will need all of the aforementioned to help Haney with a team made up of aging heroes and untried rookies. Like you we wish him luck.

Oh yes! The very best of what's left of the holiday to you and the young ones.

Van Brocklin Will Lead East Team In 11th Annual All-Star Pro Bowl

Divisional champion Philadelphia Eagles, New York Giants and Cleveland Browns each placed the limit of seven players on the Eastern Conference squad that tries to derail the elite of the Western Conference in the eleventh annual All-Star Pro Bowl game Jan. 15 at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Squad of 34, as chosen by the six Eastern coaches, was announced Tuesday by Paul J. Schissler, managing director of the charity classic.

Ageless Norm Van Brocklin, who has put the Eagles in the championship playoff for the first time since 1949, will trigger the East to be coached by Buck Shaw, also of Philadelphia.

It will be Van Brocklin's eighth Pro Bowl, although he was chosen for nine of the 11 games. He was stricken with a virus attack on the eve of the tenth game last January and was unable to play.

His last appearance was in 1959 when he rallied the East to a come from behind 28-21 victory. Previously he had represented the West six times as a Los Angeles Ram.

In the backfield with Van Brocklin will be John Crow of the St. Louis Cards, Tommy McDonald of the Eagles and Jim Brown of the Browns.

Milt Plum of the Browns is the No. 2 qb with Ray Renfro and Bobby Mitchell, Browns, and Tom Tracy, Steelers, rounding out the backs.

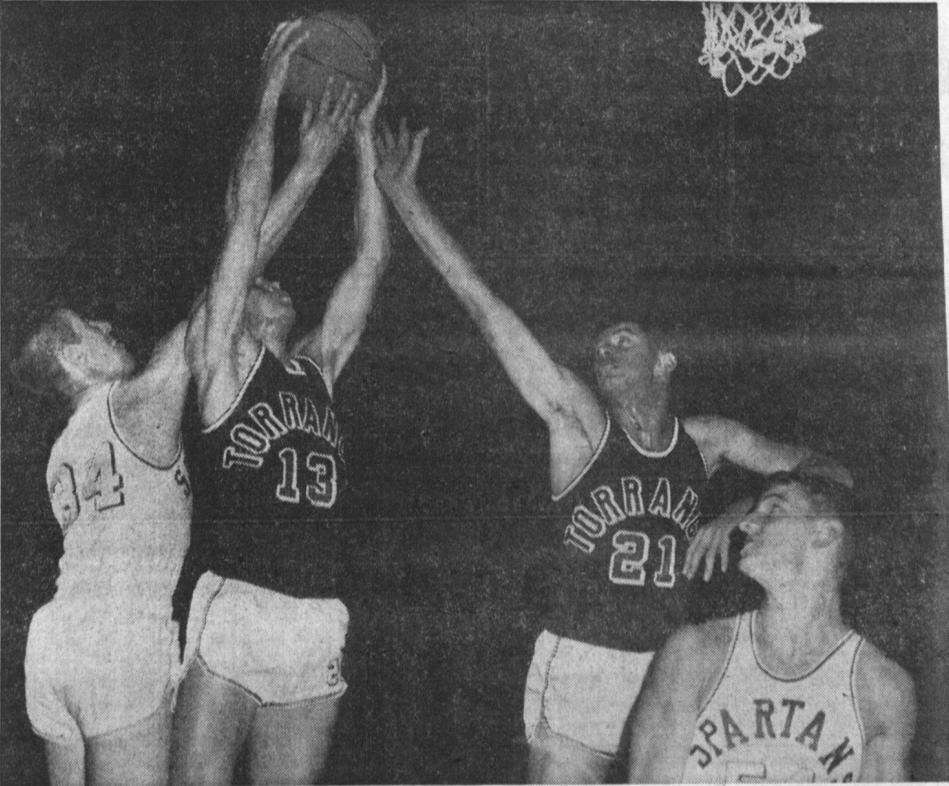
Cardinals and Steelers both placed five players and the Washington Redskins three.

Two rookies were selected, the Eagles' Maxie Baughan, line backer from Georgia Tech, and the Redskins' Bob Khayat, 235-pound offensive guard and place-kicking specialist from Mississippi.

All told 26 of the 34 players have played in previous Pro Bowls and represent a total of 65 appearances.

Sharing Iron Man roles with Van Brocklin will be Chuck Bednarik, Eagle linebacker, and Ernie Stautner, Steeler defensive end, also making their eighth appearances. Bednarik was Player of the Game in 1954. Stautner Lineman of the Game in 1957.

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GO FOR THE BASKET—More than 900 local basketball fans were present Friday night for the Round Robin Basketball Tournament in South High School's gymnasium. Action was heavy in each round between the competing four local teams. North High's Saxon five was winner of the evening, Torrance High

was a close second, while South High won only from three-time loser Bishop Montgomery High. Chamber officers estimated that gate receipts of about \$600 will be used to defray costs of Torrance float in annual Tournament of Roses in Pasadena Jan. 2.

North High Five Trounces Opponents to Win Tourney

North High School's Saxon five came out on the long end of the Round Robin Basketball Tourney Friday night in the South High gymnasium, playing four undefeated rounds with the top teams from Torrance, South and Bishop Montgomery high schools.

An enthusiastic crowd of more than 900 basketball fans showed up for the event to root home their favorite entry.

Torrance High ran a close second in the tourney, losing only to the Saxons. South High was third winning only from Bishop Montgomery, which ran last.

Half-time appearance of the Torrance All Star High School Band, composed of 93 young musicians from the city's three public secondary schools, was one of the high points of the evening.

Following the tourney silver basketball trophies were awarded the outstanding players of each team by Willys Blount, representing the sponsoring Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Awards were given to Sam Edwards, North High, forward; Howard Taylor, Torrance High, guard; Mike Andrews, South High, center; and Bob Bruce, Bishop Montgomery, guard.

Section-by-section scoring was: NHS-27, SHS-24; THS-28, MBH-15; THS-38, SHS-35; NHS-44, BMH-38, THS-21; and SHS-33, RMB-25.

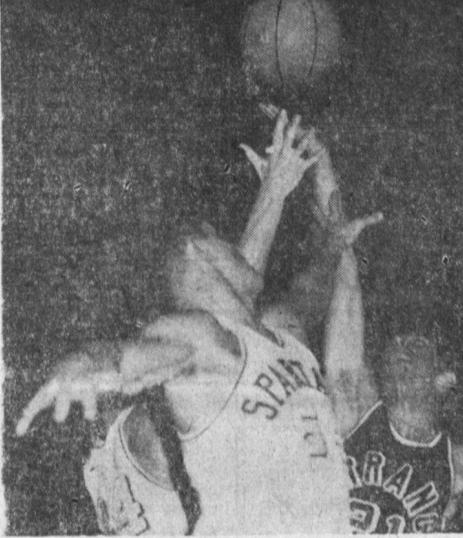
Chamber of Commerce officials estimated that about \$600 from gate receipts of the tourney will be available to help pay for Torrance's float in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses.

Turn away crowds at recent showings indicate the desirability of securing tickets early. Tickets are priced at \$1.50 and are available at L.A. County Lifeguard Headquarters, 1101 Strand, Redondo Beach, and at the door. For further information call Frontier 2-2162.

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BASKET SCENE—Special awards to top players were presented by Chamber officials at basketball tourney Friday night. Silver basketball trophy was presented to Howard Taylor, Torrance High guard; Sam Edwards, North High forward; Mike Andrews, South High center; and to Bob Bruce, Bishop Montgomery guard.

Dodgers Schedule Full Slate of Training Games

The Los Angeles Dodgers have scheduled thirty-one 1961 Spring training exhibition games, E. J. (Buzze) Bavasi, vice-president and general manager, announced last weekend.

Seven major league teams will visit Dodgertown, Vero Beach, Florida, home base of the Dodgers. In the order of their appearance they will include the Kansas City Athletics Milwaukee Braves New York Yankees, Minneapolis Twins, Washington Senators, St. Louis Cardinals and Chicago White Sox. This is the most extensive home-base schedule ever arranged for the Dodgers.

In order to supply some dates, for the newly-formed Senators, the Dodgers have agreed to play doubleheaders on three dates, March 23, 24, 25. They will play Washington on March 23 at Vero



Before getting into the latest bowling news from Gable House, this reporter would like to wish each and every one a very Merry Christmas.

BOWLING VS. CHRISTMAS RUSH

Last Monday, I was over at Gable House and was surprised to see such a large turn out in leagues during this busy season. With all the shopping, wrapping, and scamping so necessary this time of the year, I wondered how these women found time for bowling. So, I asked some members of the Monday Morning Blues League what their secret was. Maxine Revill replied: "I don't think I have the time, but I am bowling anyway. I love to bowl and could do it every day"; Barbara Fullerton: "My Christmas shopping is finished, so I haven't a care in the world this morning"; Nila Moon: "Bowling gives me an opportunity to get away from the rush and relax for awhile"; Ruby Willets: "I feel bowling comes first"; Jo Ann Pernu: "On Monday, I try to forget the Christmas rush"; Arlene Bailey: "When I'm bowling, I'm bowling. When I get home I'll worry about the Christmas rush"; Ruby Pilcher: "I enjoy bowling because after all the tedious Christmas shopping, it relaxes me. Bowling really gives me something to look forward to." LaVerne Lake: "I don't think the Christmas rush bothers me too much, but today I have to go to work and that is bothering me more. I still enjoy bowling anyway."

It appears to me that the ladies find bowling to be a pleasant change of pace during this hectic season.

LEAGUE OF THE WEEK

The Stardusters which bowl on Monday evenings at 9 o'clock is the "League of the Wee." There are 8 teams with 5 bowlers on each in this handicap league. An interesting note is that there are two team 1. This team is represented by the Torrance Firefighters and these men alternate each week and bowl.

Team 5 is in first place with 37 wins and 19 losses. The team members are: McCray a 158 average; G. O'Neil, 163; C. Schowienst, 163; F. Donato, 165; and W. Deato, 175. Weekly high scores honor HS, Ed McCray, 612; HG, Frank Donato, 238. Season high scores to date are as follows: HS, F. Donato, 684; HG, Lee Blank, 262. M. Mexico of team 1 has the high league average of 178.

There will be no buffet served upstairs in the Rik-Sha Room today according to Louis Tavone (Chef Luigi), however, the coffee shop will remain open for patrons who might desire a snack while bowling. Also, there will be no nursery supervision today. Happy holiday—see you next week.

Junior LA Open Attracts Many

Entry records for the 8th Annual Junior Los Angeles Open Golf Tournament have been broken with a list of 350 young golfers anxious to play in the tourney, reports Don Sorensen, president of the sponsoring Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Pairings committee selected 200 to play at Rancho Municipal Golf Course on Thursday, December 29. The committee is headed by Bob Luttop, Department of Recreation and Parks, aided by Sid Bass and Vern Asplund of the Junior Chamber.

Juniors will play within five age brackets: "Pee-Wee" division, age 10 under; age 11-12; age 13-14; age 15-17; and alumni, age 18. Entries in the 5-17 division were heavy, and pairing problems were difficult because of the high average scores.

Winner of the "Pee-Wee" division will be named official mascot of the 35th L.A. Open.

Tournament rules will follow closely those of the Southern California Golf Association. Tee-off time is 7 a.m. to noon.



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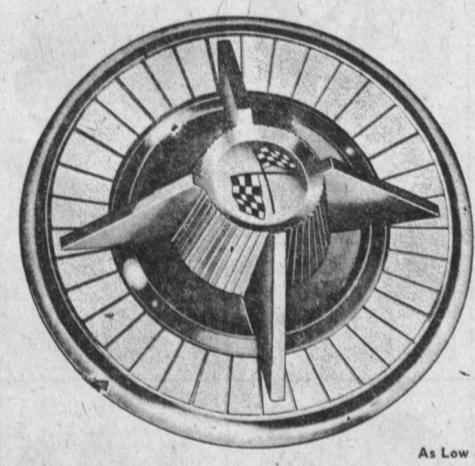
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